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DEPARTMENT FOR PM-HDP, DRL, EAP/MLS, EAP/RSP AND S/GHD

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR US GRANT ASSISTANCE TO THE EXPLOSIVE HARVESTING PROGRAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HUMANITARIAN DEMINING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COURSE FROM JUNE 1, 2009 to MAY 31, 2010

REF: 03 SECSTATE 034981

¶1. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

¶2. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored training programs.

¶3. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals receiving U.S. Grant Assistance to the Explosive Harvesting Program under the Department of Defense Humanitarian Demining Research and Development Course from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

NAME: Thong Khean (Male)  
DPOB: May 6, 1968; Battambang  
POSITION: Chief of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)Unit 1  
DEPT/UNIT: Cambodian Mine Action Center (CMAC)

NAME: Khun Marra (Male)  
DPOB: Jul. 15, 1975; Battambang  
POSITION: EOD Operator  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Mao Sokhon (Male)  
DPOB: Sept. 26, 1962; Svay Rieng  
POSITION: EOD Operator  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Chhong Savong (Male)  
DPOB: Jun. 1, 1972; Battambang  
POSITION: EOD 4  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Chin Phal (Male)  
DPOB: Jun. 6, 1973; Kampong Cham  
POSITION: EOD 2  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Sam Vicheth (Male)  
DPOB: Apr. 13, 1973; Siem Reap  
POSITION: EOD 3  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Seurng Samnang (Male)  
DPOB: Aug. 6, 1967; Kampong Speu  
POSITION: EOD 7  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Sieng Chharann (Male)  
DPOB: Apr. 19, 1963; Phnom Penh  
POSITION: EOD 1

DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

NAME: Snguon Pisith (Male)  
DPOB: Dec. 5, 1975; Battambang  
POSITION: Medic  
DEPT/UNIT: CMAC

¶4. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above individuals.

¶5. Individuals will attend the U.S. Grant Assistance to the Explosive Harvesting Program under the Department of Defense Humanitarian Demining Research and development from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

¶6. Action request: Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

¶7. Points of contacts for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Wayne Turnbull at turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219, or Jenae Johnson at Johnsonjd3@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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